

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-33 as follows:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

1 18. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 17~~ A home or
2 office security system comprising:
3 a network via which a plurality of appliances communicate
4 to effect a control of one or more appliances of the plurality of
5 appliances,
6 a first appliance of the plurality of appliances having:
7 a first appliance component that is configured to
8 effect a primary function of the first appliance that is
9 independent of security, and
10 a status reporter that is configured to communicate
11 a status of the first appliance via the network; and
12 an alarm activation processor, operably coupled to the
13 status reporter, that is configured to receive the status, and to
14 effect an alarm response dependent on the status, wherein:

15 a second appliance of the plurality of appliances
16 includes a second appliance component for effecting a second
17 primary function independent of security; and
18 the alarm activation processor is integrated in the
19 second appliance.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein:
2 the status reporter and the alarm activation processor
3 each comprise a respective HAVi-compliant module to facilitate
4 communicating the status via the network.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein:
2 the status reporter and the alarm activation processor
3 each comprise a respective Home API-compliant module to facilitate
4 communicating the status via the network.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, further
2 including:
3 a third appliance having a second alarm activation
4 processor, operably coupled to the status reporter via the network,

5 for receiving the status and effecting a second alarm response
6 dependent on the status.

1 22.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein
2 the second alarm response is also dependent upon a status
3 of the second appliance.

1 23.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein
2 the alarm activation processor is further configured to
3 effect the alarm response in further dependence upon a rule base
4 that is associated with the first appliance; and
5 the second alarm activation processor is further
6 configured to effect the second alarm response dependent upon a
7 second rule base associated with the first appliance.

1 24.(Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 17, further~~
2 ~~including~~ A home or office security system comprising:
3 a network via which a plurality of appliances communicate
4 to effect a control of one or more appliances of the plurality of
5 appliances,
6 a first appliance of the plurality of appliances having:

7 a first appliance component that is configured to
8 effect a primary function of the first appliance that is
9 independent of security, and

10 a status reporter that is configured to communicate
11 a status of the first appliance via the network;

12 an alarm activation processor, operably coupled to the
13 status reporter, that is configured to receive the status, and to
14 effect an alarm response dependent on the status; and

15 an area security devices that is configured to detect an
16 area status of an area;

17 wherein:

18 the activation processor is also operably coupled to the
19 area security device and is further configured to effect the alarm
20 response dependent on the area status.

1 25. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 17A~~ home or office
2 security system comprising:

3 a network via which a plurality of appliances communicate
4 to effect a control of one or more appliances of the plurality of
5 appliances,

6 a first appliance of the plurality of appliances having:

7 a first appliance component that is configured to
8 effect a primary function of the first appliance that is
9 independent of security, and

10 a status reporter that is configured to communicate
11 a status of the first appliance via the network; and

12 an alarm activation processor, operably coupled to the
13 status reporter, that is configured to receive the status, and to
14 effect an alarm response dependent on the status, wherein

15 the alarm activation processor is further configured to
16 effect the alarm response in further dependence upon a rule base
17 that is associated with the first appliance.

Claim 26 (Canceled)

1 27. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 26~~ An
2 electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance
3 comprising:

4 an appliance component that is configured to effect a
5 primary function independent of security;

6 an interface to a network that facilitates a control of
7 the appliance component via communications on the network; and

8 a status reporter that is configured to communicate a
9 status of the appliance via the network;
10 wherein the security system has an alarm activation
11 processor operably coupled to the status reporter via the network
12 for receiving the status and effecting an alarm response dependent
13 on the status, and wherein the status reporter is HAVi compliant.

1 28. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 26~~ An
2 electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance
3 comprising:

4 an appliance component that is configured to effect a
5 primary function independent of security; and

6 an interface to a network that facilitates a control of
7 the appliance component via communications on the network,

8 a status reporter that is configured to communicate a
9 status of the appliance via the network;

10 wherein the security system has an alarm activation
11 processor operably coupled to the status reporter via the network
12 for receiving the status and effecting an alarm response dependent

13 on the status, and wherein the status reporter is Home API
14 compliant.

Claim 29 (Canceled)

1 30. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 29~~ An
2 electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance
3 comprising:
4 an appliance component that is configured to effect a
5 primary function independent of security;
6 an interface to a network that facilitates a control of
7 the appliance component via communications on the network; and
8 an alarm activation processor that is configured to
9 effect an alarm response dependent on a status received from a
10 status reporter of an other appliance via the network, wherein the
11 alarm activation processor is HAVi compliant.

1 31. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 29~~ An
2 electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance
3 comprising:

4 an appliance component that is configured to effect a
5 primary function independent of security;
6 an interface to a network that facilitates a control of
7 the appliance component via communications on the network; and
8 an alarm activation processor that is configured to
9 effect an alarm response dependent on a status received from a
10 status reporter of an other appliance via the network, wherein the
11 alarm activation processor is Home API compliant.

1 32. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 29~~ An
2 electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance
3 comprising:
4 an appliance component that is configured to effect a
5 primary function independent of security;
6 an interface to a network that facilitates a control of
7 the appliance component via communications on the network; and
8 an alarm activation processor that is configured to
9 effect an alarm response dependent on a status received from a
10 status reporter of an other appliance via the network, wherein

11 the alarm activation processor is also operably coupled
12 to an area security device that provides an area status, and
13 the alarm response is further dependent on the area
14 status.

1 33. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 29~~ An
2 electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance
3 comprising:
4 an appliance component that is configured to effect a
5 primary function independent of security;
6 an interface to a network that facilitates a control of
7 the appliance component via communications on the network, and
8 an alarm activation processor that is configured to
9 effect an alarm response dependent on a status received from a
10 status reporter of an other appliance via the network, wherein the
11 alarm activation processor is further configured to effect the
12 alarm response in dependence upon a rule base that is associated
13 with the other appliance.

Claim 34 (Canceled)